IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: NISHIDE, Takuji, et al.

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

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Sir:

Applicants petition the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated October 17, 2011 for one month, from January 17, 2012 to February 17, 2012.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge our Deposit Account in the amount of \$150 to cover the cost of the extension for a large entity.

In the event that any additional fees are due in connection with this paper, please charge our Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

Respectfully submitted,

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